Department through Annual Action Plan on Vigilance; issue of comprehensive instructions on transparency in tendering and contracting processes by the CVC; enactment of CVC Act and, strengthening the CBI for effective discharge of its anti corruption functions, etc. Moreover, the Government organizations are constantly engaged in improving their functioning through e-Governance, issue of Citizen Charters and simplification of procedures and systems, which also aim at eradicating corruption by improving transparency and accountability.

Target of Golden Quadrilateral

*67. SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the extent of achievement of targets by end of the year 2005 of first phase (NHDP) of road development plan—Golden Quadrilateral, involving four or six laning of 5,846 km of National Highways between Delhi, Mumbai, Chennai and Kolkata;

(b) the percentage of work that remains to be done and its location; and

(c) the steps Government are adopting to achieve completion by the target date?

THE MINISTER OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI T.R. BAALU): (a) 92% length of Golden Quadrilateral under National Highways Development Project is likely to be completed by December, 2005.

(b) The Corridor-wise status of Golden Quadrilateral including length of National Highways where work remains to be done as on 30.06.2005, is enclosed as Statement-I (See below).

(c) The steps taken by the Government to achieve the completion target is enclosed as Statement-Il.

Statement-I

Status of Golden Quadrilateral Project as on 30.06.2005

Sl. No	Corridor (NH) (km)	Total Length	Length where work remains to be done km (%)
1.	Delhi-Mumbai (NH-8, 76 & 79)	1419	13(1%)
2.	Mumbai-Chennai (NH-4, 7 & 46)	1290	198(15%)
3.	Kolkata-Chennai (NH-5,6 & 60)	1684	257(15%)
4.	Delhi-Kolkata (NH-2)	1453	466 (32%)
	TOTAL:	5846	934 (16%)

Statement-ll

Steps taken by the Government to expedite the completion of the Golden Quadrilateral

(a) The Contracts are regularly monitored at various levels such as by Supervision Consultants/Independent Engineer, Project Directors, National Highways Authority of India officials at Headquarters.

(b) State Governments have appointed senior officers as nodal officers for resolving problems associated with implementation of the National Highways Development Project such as land acquisition, removal of utilities, forest/pollution/environment clearances etc.

(c) A Committee of Secretaries has been constituted to address inter-ministerial and Central-States issues such as land acquisitipn, utility shifting, environment approvals, clearance of Road Over Bridges etc.

(d) To expedite the construction of Road Over Bridges, an officer of the Railways has been posted to National Highways Authority of India to coordinate with Railways. Memorandum of Understanding has been signed with M/s IRCON International Limited.